



Introductory Comments

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For: "TANTALUM BARRIER LAYER FOR COPPER METALLIZATION"

Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.115

Sir:

In a second Preliminary Amendment for entry before initial examination, please amend the above application as follows: